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Applicant : Laurent Michel Marie VUILLARD et al.
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REQUEST FOR NEW OFFICE ACTION WITH NEW DATE FOR RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

With respect to the Office Action containing a Restriction Requirement mailed on March 8, 2006, setting a one-month period for reply, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the current Office Action, and issue a new Office Action, as the March 8, 2006 Office Action fails to consider claims 52-55, and Claims 34-51 are listed as both Group III and Group IV. Thus, it is not clear to Applicants what the Examiner intended in the restriction requirement,

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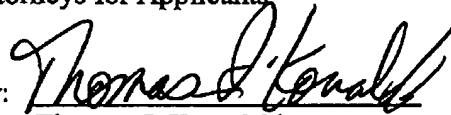
and Applicants cannot duly reply to the restriction requirement as written. A new Office Action is thus necessary, along with resetting the term for reply.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request that a new Office Action with a new term for reply be issued for the above-identified application.

Respectfully submitted,

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